

Arts & Culture

Nürnberg Museums:

Germanisches Nationalmuseum

Kartäusergasse 1 - 90402 Nürnberg – 0911-1331-241- www.gnm.de

Highlights: The Germanisches Nationalmuseum is one of Europe's largest and greatest museums concerning the history of civilization; the chronological spectrum of the Germanisches Nationalmuseum extends all the way to the present. Of particular appeal to visitors of all ages are the imposing suits of armor in the collection of historical weapons and armor, the toy collection with its rare and wonderful doll houses and one of the world's foremost collections of historical musical instruments.

Opening Hours:

Tues-Sun 10 am - 6 pm

Wed 10 am - 9 pm

Wed 6 pm - 9 pm: Admission free

Admission: € 6,- regular admission, small group/family rate € 9,-

Albrecht Dürer's House

Albrecht-Dürer-Straße 39 - 90403 Nürnberg - 0911-231-2568

Highlights: "Back to Dürer" - this is the motto of Albrecht Dürer's House, presenting the living and working quarters of the great artist, Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528).

The museum shows all facets of Dürer and his work. In the screening room, the multi vision show "Albertus Durer Noricus" allows a unique novel view of Dürer's work. Guided tours in English take place at 2 p.m. every Saturday.

Opening Hours:

Tue - Fri 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thu 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sat - Sun 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission: € 5 regular admission, various family rates available

Kaiserburg

Auf der Burg 13 – 90403 Nürnberg - 0911- 244659-0

Highlights: The Imperial Castle, symbol of Nuremberg, rises high above the city. The castle, where between 1050 and 1571 all Emperors of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation resided at least some of the time, is one of the most important imperial palaces of the Middle Ages. The Palas (main building) with its sumptuously furnished Emperor's rooms, the Roman double chapel, the deep well, and the Sinwell Tower, as well as a comprehensive collection of weapons and utensils can be visited today.

Opening Hours:

Daily (except Christmas and New Year's):

April to September: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

October to March: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission: € 7 regular admission, various group rates available

Toy Museum

Karlstraße 13-15 (near Hauptmarkt) - 90403 Nürnberg - 0911-231-31 64

Highlights: Nuremberg has always been a toy city of world renown, its tradition stretching from the "Dockenmacher" (doll makers) of medieval times to outstanding tin figure manufacturers and numerous tin toy producers in the industrial age up to the International Toy Fair, the world's most important trade fair of its kind.

Nuremberg's Toy Museum in the very heart of the Old Town is part of this rich cultural heritage. Its comprehensive and exceptionally high quality collection spans the time from antiquity to the present day, with a strong focus on the past two centuries.

Opening Hours:

Tue - Fri 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat - Sun 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission: € 5 regular admission, various family rates available

Nürnberg Dungeons

Rathausplatz 2 - 90403 Nürnberg – 0911-231-2690

Highlights: Just a few steps away from the main market square, vaulted cellars below the splendid city hall built in Nuremberg's golden age accommodate the medieval dungeons.

They were established as early as the 14th century and were not prisons as we know them today, but were used mainly for prisoners awaiting trial and for convicted criminals awaiting execution of their judgment. Twelve small cells and one larger one, a torture chamber called "Chapel" because of its dimensions, paint a depressing picture of the gruesome practices of justice in former times.

The dungeons may only be visited on a guided tour in German (about 20 minutes). It is not advised for children under ten years of age.

Opening Hours:

Summer season (April – October): daily 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Winter season (Nov. 2-25): Mon - Fri 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., closed on weekends

Special opening hours during Christkindlesmarkt: daily 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Admission: € 3.50 regular admission, student group rates available

DB Museum im Verkehrsmuseum (German Railway Museum)

Lessingstrasse 6 - 90443 Nürnberg - 01804 - 442233 -

www.deutschebahn.com/site/dbmuseum/en/start

Highlights: The DB Museum, opened in 1899 as Royal Bavarian Railway Museum, is Germany's oldest railway museum. Today, as museum of the Deutsche Bahn AG, together with the Museum of Communication, it forms the Nuremberg Traffic Museum. Exhibits include about 40 historic rail vehicles, among them the legendary "Adler" (Eagle) locomotive. In addition to numerous special exhibitions and events, the museum's main attraction is the "Experience Area" of 1,000 square meters.

Opening Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission: € 5 regular admission; various family rates and student group rates available

Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds

Bayernstraße 110 - 90478 Nürnberg – 0911-231-5666

Highlights: To this day, in Nuremberg's southern districts, the remains of the buildings on the former Nazi Party Rally Grounds with their immense proportions are a vivid testimony to the megalomania of the National Socialist regime. This area of eleven square kilometers was intended as an impressive backdrop for the Nazi party rallies staged here to demonstrate their power. The Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds, often shortened to Dokuzentrum (Docu Centre), is located in the north wing of the Congress Hall, designed by the National Socialists to house 50,000 spectators, remained unfinished, though. With its "glass and steel arrow", piercing the north wing, the Documentation Centre is a widely visible architectural counterpoint. It focuses on the topics which have a direct link to Nuremberg, and is centred on 19 exhibition areas which are structured in chronological order: the history of the party rallies, the buildings of the Nazi Party Rally Grounds, the "Nuremberg Racial Laws" of 1935, the "Nuremberg Trials" of the main perpetrators of Nazi crimes in 1945/46 and the twelve follow-up trials, as well as the difficult problem of dealing with the National Socialists' architectural heritage after 1945.

Opening Hours:

Mo – Fri: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat & Sun: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission: € 5 regular admission; various family rates and student group rates available

For a list of more museums in Nürnberg go to: www.museums.nuremberg.de or http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/portal_e/kultur/museum.html